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SUBJ: NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH IRAN

1. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN NOTE OF TREND OF CONGRESSIONAL THINKING ON NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENTS WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND FORESEES POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS IF EQUALLY RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS INTENDED AS SAFEGUARDS ARE DEMANDED BY U.S. OF IRAN, WHICH IS A PARTY TO NPT.

2. BEFORE A DRAFT IS SUBMITTED TO THE GOI, AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE

DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO TWO QUESTIONS (1) WHO ARE THE KEY CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WITH WHOM WE ARE DEALING ON THIS MATTER?

(2) DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN OR STRATEGY TO ANSWER ITS CRITICS IN CASE SPECIAL CONDITIONS DEMANDED BY U.S. ALIENATE SHAH AND LEAD HIM TO: (A) PASS UP UEA PROPOSAL FOR ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT IN SOME FOREIGN URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT, AND (B) AWARD THE BULK OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONTRACTS TO NON-AMERICAN FIRMS? DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF SHAH'S INTEREST IN BUYING A LARGE PIECE OF UEA'S PLANT AND IMPORTANCE OF THIS IN BRINGING THIS FIRST PRIVATELY-OWNED U.S. ENRICHMENT PLANT TO FRUITION. EMBASSY ALSO NOTES THAT O'DONNELL OF UEA IS DUE HERE NOVEMBER 4 FOR
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DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. ETEMAD ON THIS SUBJECT.

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